

**TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**



FISCAL MEMORANDUM

SB 547 – HB 845

March 2, 2009

SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT (004617): States that it is the intent of the General Assembly not to increase compensation and travel expenses due to the increase in members temporarily serving on the State Election Commission. Each member will receive travel expenses and any remaining amount will be divided equally among all members as compensation.

FISCAL IMPACT OF ORIGINAL BILL:

Increase State Expenditures - \$22,200/FY09-10 and FY10-11

FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENT:

Increase State Expenditures – Not Significant

Assumptions applied to amendment:

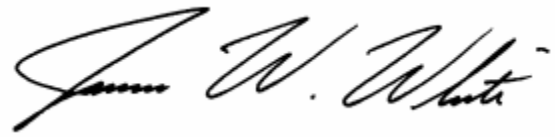
- Salaries for the members of the State Election Commission will not be increased.
- Expenditures would be confined within the current budgeted amounts for compensation and travel.
- Currently, the Chair is paid \$900 per month, the Secretary is paid \$850 per month, and the members are paid \$750 per month. This will result in all members being paid equally.
- According to the Secretary of State's Office, the current amount allocated for salary, benefits, and travel approximate \$127,700. By deducting \$14,588.28 in travel costs for seven members for one year and \$75,600 for benefits for seven members for one year, the remaining amount of \$37,511.72 will be divided equally between the members.
- Each of the seven members will receive an amount of \$5,358.82 for one year or an estimated \$446.57 per month.

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- Any cost can be accommodated within existing resources without an increased appropriation or reduced reversion.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "James W. White". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "James" written in a smaller, more compact script than the last name "White".

James W. White, Executive Director

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